Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know, Sir, whether any letter in the Huzur Secretariat has been received to the same effect?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): No.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know whether the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development has sent any letter to the Huzur Secretariat regarding this?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): No.

FACTORY LAW—DISABILITIES OF WOMEN LABOURERS.

234. Mrs. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-Women*): (*a*) ഫാക്ടറി നിയമത്തിൽ സ്ത്രീകളെ ജോലിക്കു നിയമിക്കുന്നതിനു വല്ല തടസ്ഥവുമുണ്ടോ;

(*b*) അവക്കു Maternity Leave അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ, അതു എത്രകാലത്തേക്കാണു;

(*c*) ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ മറ്റു വലിയ സംസ്ഥാനങ്ങളിലേയും ബ്രിട്ടീഷിൻഡ്യയിലേയും നിയമങ്ങൾ തമ്മിൽ പറയത്തക്ക വ്യത്യാസമുണ്ടോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Factories Act 27, 29, 45 വകുപ്പുകളിൽ കുറിച്ചു ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള നിബന്ധനകൾ അല്ലാതെ വേറെ യാതൊരു തടസ്ഥവും ഇല്ല.

(*b*) Maternity Benefits Act പ്രകാരം പ്രസവത്തിനു കഴിഞ്ഞതു് ര് ആഴ്ച മുമ്പും പ്രസവം കഴിഞ്ഞു ര് ആഴ്ചക്കും അവധി അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

(*c*) Indian Factories Act-ും Cochin Factories Act-ും തമ്മിൽ പറയത്തക്ക ഭേദം ഒന്നും ഇല്ല.

A. S., ATHICODE, CHITTUR—ASSUMPTION OF.

235. Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) how many pupils are there in the A. S., Athicode in Chittur Taluk;

(*b*) is it not a backward area in point of literacy;

(*c*) what proportion of pupils of school-going age attends the school;

(*d*) whether they are not aware that Christian youths do not attend this school on religious grounds;

(*e*) whether they had not the idea of assuming the management of the school;

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(*f*) whether they had not promised to consider the assumption of management in the year 1938;

(*g*) how far have they progressed in their attempt at assumption?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) 66.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) About 72 per cent, as seen from a survey of the locality conducted by the teachers in 1112.

(*d*) Christian pupils do not attend the school. But it is doubtful if it can be said with definiteness that it is due to religious scruples.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes, if funds allow.

(*g*) The question will be reconsidered when funds are available.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): When was the promise mentioned in (*f*) given?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): If it were possible for Government to anticipate the exact date it would have been given here.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): About the promise?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): There was no promise made. There was only a proposal, and the promise was to consider the proposal and not to take it over.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Will it not pave the way for primary education in backward areas?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): In the first place it is as a matter of fact a question of money. There is no money. Efforts will be made to see how far things like the appointment of an Attendance Committee and other means of persuasion are likely to have any effect on the part of the pupils in attendance.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Has it not been brought to the notice of the Director of Public Instruction that Christian pupils were not sent to the school simply on religious grounds?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): The manager of the school who wants the Government to take over the management says it is due to that. But from enquiry made it is not clear that there was any definite religious scruples.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Who is the manager of the school?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): I think he is a Muslim.

G. H. S., IRINJALAKKUDA—INFORMATION REGARDING.

236. Mr. A. L. Antony (*Irinjalakkuda*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) what is the strength of the Upper Secondary section of the Girls' High School, Irinjalakkuda;

(*b*) what is the annual expenditure incurred on that account by the Government;

(*c*) what will be the corresponding probable expenditure if it is conducted by an aided institution?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) 142.

(*b*) Rs. 5,300 approximately.

(*c*) About Rs. 4,000.

Mr. A. L. Antony (*Irinjalakkuda*): May I know, whether Rs. 5,300 is the pay of the teachers alone?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): This is the net charge which the Government will have to meet in every case. There is the fee income to be collected and there is also the pay to be given to the teachers. In both cases it is the net charge to the Government. It includes all expenses exclusive of P. C. R.

Mr. A. L. Antony (*Irinjalakkuda*): Pension allowance?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): No. Pension allowance has not been calculated.

SAKTAN THAMPURAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL—ACCOMMODATION IN.

237. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon (*Narakkal*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the area of the Saktan Thampuran Memorial School building at Puthiyedam is sufficient to

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